GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2117

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29th November, 2016

National List of Essential Medicines

2117. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the type of medicines included under the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM);

(b) whether the Government has recently constituted any expert committee to revise the NLEM and if so, the details including the major recommendations of the said committee; and

(c) the response of the Government regarding the aforesaid recommendations?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS; MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a): National List of Essential Medicine (NLEM) 2015 has been prepared as per the recommendation of the Core Committee constituted for the purpose. A total of 106 medicines have been added, and 70 medicines have been deleted from NLEM, 2011 to prepare the NLEM, 2015. The list contains total of 376 medicines, broadly categorized under 30 therapeutic categories such as Anthelminthics, Antileprosy medicines, Antiviral medicines, cardiovascular medicines etc. Out of 376 medicines, 209 medicine formulations are listed for all levels of health care (Primary, Secondary, Tertiary), 115 medicine formulations for secondary and tertiary levels and 79 medicine formulations for the tertiary level.

- (b): No, Madam.
- (c): In view of reply to (b) above, does not arise.

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